

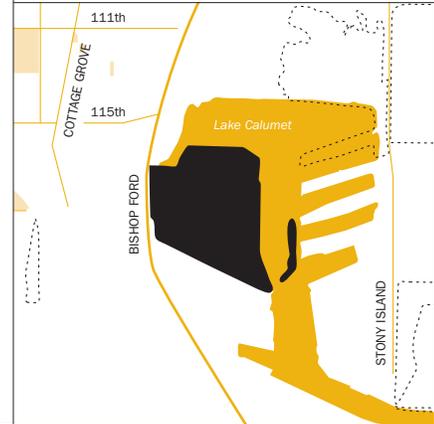
The west shore of Lake Calumet has a sense of wilderness about it, even though it is mostly built on fill. There are wooded areas and meadows, and wetlands and mud flats near the open water of the lake. Over 20 species of fish live in Lake Calumet, and the lake itself is a critical component in what makes the region so rich in bird life.

The area is large enough that it might sustain significant mammal, amphibian and reptile populations. It is planned that the site will be managed for wildlife preservation as part of the Calumet Open Space Reserve.

Lake Calumet has a series of long peninsulas of dry land that jut out into the water; these either are being used or once were used as docking stations, or were meant to be. One of these docks is Gull Island **3** which provides an undisturbed location for over 5,000 pairs of gulls to build nests and raise their young.

CALUMET WEST SHORE  
AND GULL ISLAND

Site No 11

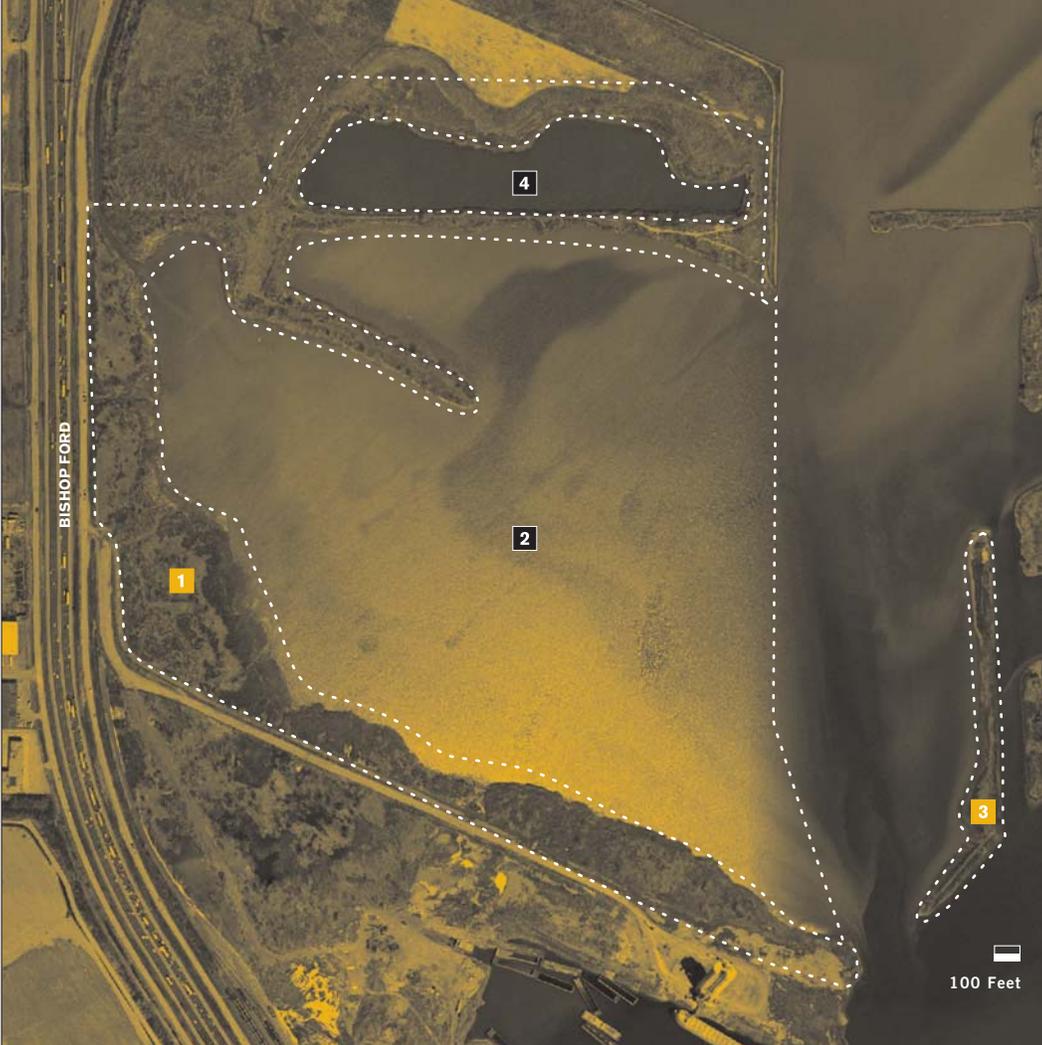


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ADDRESS 11500 S Doty Ave  
OWNER Illinois International Port District  
ACREAGE 228.08

HABITATS  
**1** Riparian / Water Edge  
**2** Aquatic  
**3** Potential Habitat  
**4** Wetland

DIRECTIONS Calumet West Shore is located off the frontage road along the Bishop Ford Freeway (called Doty Avenue); there are yellow gates marking the access road for the Illinois International Port District, the owner of most of the land around Lake Calumet. Gull Island is inaccessible to the public, and will remain so to protect the gulls.

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